



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 8, 2015**

Special Meeting

The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Thursday, January 8, 2015, immediately following the 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Gerald E. Daley, James B. Streeto, and Sebastian Giuliano, Deborah Kleckowski, and Common Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.

Absent

Council Members Mary A. Bartolotta, Hope P. Kasper, Robert P. Santangelo, Carl Chisem, Sandra Russo Driska and David Bauer.

Also Present

Ten members of the public.

1. Mayor calls meeting to order.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

The Chair opens the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)

The Chair asks the Clerk to read the call of the meeting; he declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

The Chair states there are only six members of the Council present. Councilwoman Kleckowski states they can hold a meeting per FOIA, but they cannot take any votes on matters. The Clerk concurs with Councilwoman Kleckowski.

2. Public Hearing Opens on bond ordinances:

The Chair opens the public hearing on two bond ordinances at 7:07 p.m.:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FOR THE PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY MEASURES AT VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FOR THE PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATION OF A WEB BASED NETWORK SECURITY SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS CITYWIDE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

He asks those members of the public wishing to speak to come forward at this time and state their name and address for the record.

3. Public Hearing Closes.

The Chair, seeing no member of the public wishing to address the two bond ordinances, closes the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

4. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

A. Honoring Gerald E. Daley on his retirement from the State of Connecticut.

Resolution No. 13-15

File Name ccdaleyretirementfromstate

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Daley is retiring from State Service after over twenty years with the Department of Developmental Services; and

WHEREAS, he was hired as Personnel Officer 2 in one of the regions of DDS and rose through the Human Resources ranks to achieve the highest Human Resources level at a State agency, Human Resources Administrator 3; and

WHEREAS, as the Human Resources Administrator 3 for the Department of Development Services, the second largest State agency, he was responsible for human resources and payroll functions for over 4,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, Gerry graduated from Fairfield University with a Bachelor of Science degree; he began working in Human Resources for the Town of West Hartford as a Personnel Analyst in 1979, after serving as the Administrative Assistant to Mayor Anthony S. Marino in Middletown; he was Vice President of Human Resources for Contel IPC, Inc., a division of GTE Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Gerry brought his management skills to City Government, beginning in 1975 until the present, where he sits on the Common Council as well as sitting on many commissions and committees; he brought his management skills to many committees conducting essential studies for the City. He chaired the first committee to study the structure of Middletown Government in 1981; he chaired of the Parking Study Committee and the Riverfront Development Committee where his administrative skills were used to complete these two necessary studies that will help Middletown in its economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Gerry is highly respected for the work he has done with the State especially as the Human Resource Administrator for the Department of Developmental Services, where his commitment and integrity led to a well-run human resources division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That we congratulate Gerald E. Daley upon his retirement from the State of Connecticut; he has been an asset to the Department of Developmental Services and will be missed by many people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we wish Gerald E. Daley health and happiness in his retirement from the State; we look forward to his continued involvement in City government where his commitment and integrity will help Middletown continue to develop as a destination spot in Connecticut.

Councilman Serra is recognized by the Chair and asks Councilman Daley to join him at the podium. He reads the resolution for approval and his motion is seconded by Councilwoman Kleckowski. The Chair states it is approved by acclamation if there is no objection. Councilman Serra states it will be on the February agenda as well. He would like to read it at the January 23 retirement party. Councilman Serra states he met Gerry in 1975 as candidates for the Council; they both did not make it but they learned a lot. He accomplished many things and then you see his work on Economic Development. We want to congratulate on your work of over 20 years for the State of Connecticut.

Councilman Daley states thank you for doing this and thanks Councilman Serra and Marie for putting the resolution together. It's sort of a bittersweet moment because nearly 40 years ago he stood in the chamber with Mayor Marino taking his oath. With respect for former mayor's and the current mayor and you are probably the best mayor in modern history, Mayor Marino was a mentor and started me on my career. He never thought about human resources but his second day with Mayor Marino, we had the EPA in his office and they were going to pull funding for the combined sewer overflow and that was my first assignment and how I got involved with human resources. All the day to day labor relations were assigned to me and then I decided to continue on that path. It has been very rewarding and the Department of Developmental Services is a great agency. My staff of 65 people and payroll was great people and I have been very grateful in my life. I am lucky to have my wife with me tonight and she retired at the end of the last school year. They couldn't find a replacement and asked her to go back from September to December. Thank you very much; I do appreciate it. We go back a long, long way. We share a commitment to Middletown. Middletown is very close to my heart. There isn't a better place to retire. You have a new Senior Center and the Russell Library and a lot of volunteer activities to do. Thank you.

Councilman Streeto states the issue of the public hearing was raised on the off chance there is an issue for this, he suggests calling bond counsel; the solution, if bond counsel suggests the need to have the hearing again, is to hold it on January 21. Five members will be here for a presentation here. The Clerk will confer with Bond Counsel on the matter.

The chair thanks Councilman Daley for his service with the State of Connecticut and his long time service with the City of Middletown.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Councilwoman Kleckowski moves to adjourn the meeting and her motion is seconded by Councilman Giuliano. The vote is called and it is unanimous to approve. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK